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Re: Ruth Hyde Paine and Naushon Island Cottages

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DETAILS

SYNOPSIS

A total of twenty-two (22) livable cottages exist on Naushon Island and are occupied by the Forbes family. Sometimes there are five or six cottages for rent during the season - the number for rent depending on the stay of the family members. Only friends of the family are permitted to rent cottages. A list of friends who have rented cottages was obtained and is incorporated in this report.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

Reference is made to O/M of the Chief dated March 4, 1964 requesting investigation be conducted to determine approximate number of cottages available for rent on Naushon Island and the names of persons renting the same cottage for the past two years.

On March 6, 1964 an effort to question Mr. David C. Forbes of J. M. Forbes, Inc., 199 Washington Street, Boston, Mass., principal owner of Naushon Island. However, Mr. Forbes was ill with a cold and was not available for questioning until March 10, 1964.

On March 10, 1964 Mr. David C. Forbes was contacted at 199 Washington Street, Boston, Mass. and the following information obtained from him:

A total of 22 livable cottages exist on Naushon Island and are occupied by the Forbes family. Sometimes there are five or six cottages for rent during the season - the number depending upon how long the many members of the family remain on the Island during the season. If they remain only a very short time or a month, their cottage becomes available for the balance of the season.

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The following persons rented cottages at Naushon Island during the past two years; however, Mr. Forbes could not be certain whether or not the same person rented the same cottage each time. Some of these people have been renting at Naushon Island for many years.

William O. Athrop, a stockbroker connected with Tucker-Anthony Co. and R. L. Day Co., 74 State Street, Boston, Mass. He resides at Concord, Mass.

Dr. Arnold Arons, Head of the Physics Dept. at Amherst College, Amherst, Mass. He is employed as an oceanographer during the summer months at Woods Hole, Mass.

Stuart Cragin, Vice President of New York City Bank, 23 Wall Street, New York City.

J. Richard Dilworth, is employed by Rockefeller Brothers, New York, New York. He resides at 141 Hodge Road, Princeton, New Jersey.

William R. Driver, Jr., Managing Partner of Brown Brothers, Harriman Company, Boston, Mass. Resides at 118 1/2 South Street, Needham 92, Mass.

John Fischer, Editor of Harpers Magazine. Resides at 23 Dupont Avenue, White Plains, New York.

Myron Hofer, occupation and place of employment unknown. He resides at 3432 Newark Street, N.W., Washington 16, D. C.

Henry B. Hosmer, an attorney, employed by Goodwin, Proctor and Hoar, a well-known law firm at 84 State Street, Boston, Mass. Resides at River Road, Carlisle, Mass.

J. Merrill Knapp, Dean at Princeton University. Resides at Rosedale Lane, Princeton, New Jersey.

Dr. George Nichols, Jr., Assistant Dean, Harvard Medical School, Cambridge, Mass. Resides at 135 Clyde Street, Brookline, Mass.

Donald B. Straus, President of American Arbitration Board, New York, New York. Resides at 44 East 73rd Street, New York, New York.

Dr. William C. Wigglesworth, a general practitioner. Resides at 78 Country Road, Ipswich, Mass.

Mr. David C. Forbes stated that all of the above-listed tenants have been friends of the Forbes family for several years and that their parents were also friends.

Mr. David C. Forbes stated that a little over one month ago he received a telephone call from someone in the Managing Editor's Dept. of the New York Journal-American, a New York City newspaper, and that his sister, Mrs. Ruth Young, also received a telephone call from the same person about the same time. He could not recall the name of the person who telephoned. The caller stated that the New York Journal-American intended to run a series of articles revolving around the assassination of former President Kennedy; that the FBI was withholding information concerning the plot and that the plot originated at Minsk, Russia. The caller wanted to know any information Mr. Forbes and Mrs. Young might possess concerning Michael R. Payne and Ruth Hyde Payne while at Naushon Island.

Mr. Forbes stated that he and his sister, Mrs. Young, were unable to give the caller any information that could aid the investigation. The caller talked about a big spread and circulation for the newspaper.

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